

(-0.8 ± 0.5 vs. -0.9 ± 0.7 points). Decrease in voiding score was significantly associated with weight ($r = 0.36$, $p = 0.01$) and HOMA ($r = 0.42$, $p < 0.01$). In the MR group, reduction in storage symptom score was greater than the CD group (-1.6 ± 1.3 vs -1.0 ± 0.8 points), and correlated ($r = 0.50$, $p = 0.02$) with greater reduction in saturated fat intake.

Conclusion: Meal replacement-based diets are effective for improving voiding and storage LUTS by reducing insulin resistance and fat intake.

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Increased levels of fasting visfatin in obese women with impaired glucose tolerance

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Introduction: There are reports showed that visfatin levels increase with obesity, diabetes mellitus (DM) and gestational diabetes (GDM). This evidence suggests that visfatin can be stimulated under a hyperglycemic environment. It seems that elevated visfatin concentration in T2DM may be a physiologic protective response to a hyperglycemic environment. The aim of the study was to compare levels of visfatin, adiponectin, glucose tolerance parameters and anthropometric measurements between obese women with normal and impaired glucose tolerance.

Methods: Twenty four obese women with newly diagnosed impaired glucose tolerance (IGT group) and fifty obese normoglycemic women (control group) were recruited in our study (IGT group mean age: 40.1 ± 9.9 yr, mean BMI = 35.6 ± 4.8 kg/m² vs. control group: mean age 37.3 ± 10.5 yr, mean BMI = 36.0 ± 5.0 kg/m²). We measured fasting insulin, plasma glucose, HOMA-IR, AUC insulin (2h OGTT), fasting adiponectin and fasting visfatin level and anthropometric parameters (BMI and waist).

Results: Fasting visfatin (ng/ml) levels were statistically significantly higher in IGT group compared to control group (58.42 ± 8.23 vs. 25.45 ± 2.21 , $p < 0.05$). A significant difference in HOMA-IR (6.45 ± 0.93 vs. 4.57 ± 0.36 , $p < 0.05$) between IGT and control group was detected. Statistically significant difference in fasting adiponectin, AUC insulin, BMI and waist were not detected. Adiponectin was negatively correlated with HOMA-IR in control group ($p < 0.001$), but not in IGT group. There was no statistically significant correlation between fasting visfatin levels and HOMA-IR in both of these two groups.

Conclusion: Fasting plasma visfatin is elevated in women with impaired glucose tolerance, but physiological mechanism on how visfatin affects insulin resistance still remains unclear.

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An Intensive Weight Management Programme for Medically Complex Patients with Obesity

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Introduction: Weight management is challenging in medically complex patients with obesity.

Methods: We retrospectively analysed medically complex obese patients entering 16 week intensive weight management programme (IWMP) at our Hospital between January 2012 and July 2012. The programme consists of 8 weeks of a low energy liquid diet (1000–1200 Kcal/d) followed by meal replacement. A close medical supervision, complex dietary and behaviour support were provided. Participants' comorbid state was staged from 0 to 4 according to the Edmonton Obesity Scoring System¹ (EOSS) reflecting complex nature of the cases.

Results: Eighteen of 23 patients completed the programme. Baseline characteristics were body weight 131.9 ± 23.6 kg (mean \pm SD) (range 99–178.6 Kg), BMI 43.7 ± 8.2 kg/m² (range 37.2–67.8), 13 females, age

(49.6 ± 13.3 (range 18–75), number of comorbidities 4.1 ± 1.8 (1 to 7), EOSS score 1.94 ± 0.64 , median 2 (1 to 3). Patients include Diabetes (57%) of those 6 (26%) were on insulin, Chronic kidney disease stage 3 or above (13%), heart failure (17%), sleep apnoea (30%), hypertension (65%) and of those 4 (17%) were on 3 or more antihypertensive, hypopituitarism (13%), osteoarthritis (17%). Mean weight change at week 16 was -11.8 kg (9.0% [-27.2 kg to -2.1 kg]). Insulin requirements dropped on average by 27.3% ($n=5$, no data on 1 drop out) and antihypertensive requirements reduced from a median of 1 to 0 ($n=9$).

Conclusion: Patients with complex medical comorbidities were able to lose weight effectively and safely under close supervision, furthermore weight loss is associated with advantageous changes in the use of anti-diabetic and antihypertensive medications.

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Screening for Cushing's Syndrome in obese patients

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Introduction: Obesity can coexist with several endocrine disorders, including Cushing's syndrome (CS). Their exclusion is essential before obesity surgical treatment. Although CS is characterized by a broad spectrum of clinical manifestations, a significant number of patients present only with simple obesity.

Objectives: To determine the frequency of CS in an obese population.

Methods: Cross-sectional study of a population of 398 obese adults evaluated at the first attendance of Multidisciplinary Assessment of Surgical Treatment of Obesity. A first CS screening step was performed with 24h-urinary free cortisol (UFC). A second confirmatory step involved 1mg overnight dexametasone suppression test (1 mg-DST). CS diagnosis was confirmed by 48-h, 2 mg/d low-dose DST (LDDST) and differential diagnosis by high-dose DST (HDDST), ACTH and imaging studies.

Results: 336 (84.4%) were female and 62 (15.6%) were male, with a mean age of 41.3 ± 10.9 years and a median BMI of 42 kg/m² (IQR 40.7–47.6). UFC was increased in 16 (4%). UFC was positively correlated with BMI ($r = 0.194$, $p < 0.01$). 49 patients with clinical signs of CS or increased UFC performed 1mg-DXM: 8 patients had last cortisol > 1.8 ug / dL; two tests were simultaneously positive in 3 patients, in whom CS was confirmed. CS was diagnosed in another patient with an UFC of 31.5 ug / dL, but last cortisol of 9.8 ug / dL after LDDST.

Conclusions: CS was confirmed in 4 patients, which gives a prevalence of 1%. There was a statistically significant positive correlation between BMI and UFC.